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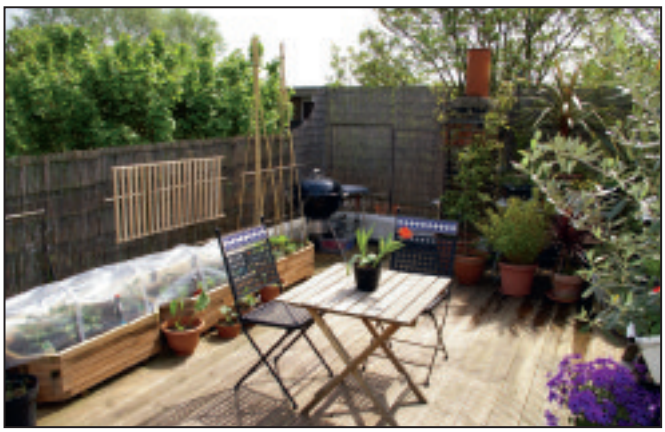

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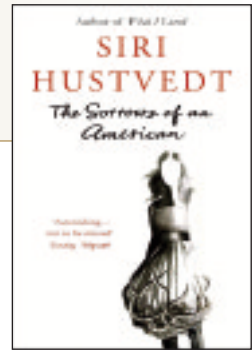

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Should I stay or should I go? No, I'm not quoting The Clash lyrics, I'm talking holidays. Yup, it's that time of year when thoughts turn to the great summer escape. But with the pound looking a bit peaky, perhaps it's best to stay put.

I'm sure you've heard the word staycation being bandied around as part of the credit-crunch lexicon, but it needn't bear the shackles of negative connotations. Think of it, if you will, as a new kind of patriotism – I'm practically rolling out the Union Jack as I type.

Like most, I've flitted around Europe and travelled to the likes of Japan and Morocco, but I've seen alarmingly little of the UK, so 2009 is the year to explore it! I've already got plans to head to a friend's cottage in the Lake District for a week in August, and I'm currently scoping out spa breaks just south of London for a much-needed long weekend. One man who shares my line of thinking is travel guru Simon Calder. He talks to us about the marvels of being a tourist in London and breaks in Brighton on page 6.

There really is plenty to keep us close to home. This month alone the Dulwich Festival and the Sydenham International Music Festival (page 45) are rolling out events and activities a plenty, and, in the spirit of encouraging the creative talent of tomorrow, Alleyn's School has just opened its brand spanking new onsite theatre (page 14).

Add to that the regular plethora of things to see, do, buy and eat in the area – coupled with the weatherman's predictions of a hot, dry summer – and you'll wonder why you ever thought of going abroad this year.

Now do excuse me, I'm going to warm up my vocal chords for a hearty rendition of *Land of Hope and Glory*…

Victoria

THIS MONTH'S COVER...

The new Edward Alleyn Building, home of the Michael Croft Theatre, captured by Eric Richardson (www.photograph-er.co.uk)

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Top of the world

Travel presenter and editor Simon Calder talks to **SHANNON DENNY** about what's cheap, where's hot and why London is the best place to be

You would assume that anyone with the words "travel journalist" on his or her business card would be among the most grateful people on earth. And why not? Surely their lives consist of one holiday after another, soaking up sun in five-star resorts, flying first class on someone else's bill and occasionally filing copy from the comfort of a champagne bar.

Travel writer, editor and presenter Simon Calder certainly considers himself lucky – but he has no use for the five-star resorts and complementary flights, thanks very much. He's made a name for himself as the man who pays his own way, but in his estimation that doesn't knock any of the shine off the career.

A self-effacing optimist, he claims that "sheer good fortune" led him to his unusual line of work. "I've always enjoyed the process of travelling and very much relish the opportunity. I guess I wake up every morning and feel lucky for what I am able to do as a job, and do my best to try and justify my good fortune!"

Raised in Crawley, Simon's first job was a cleaner for British Airways at Gatwick Airport, and later he worked as a security guard frisking passengers. During gaps between flights he started writing travel guides devoted to the subject of seeing the world on the cheap, and his first was the *Hitch-Hiker's Manual: Britain*.

After working as a BBC radio engineer, he became travel editor for *The Independent* in 1994, and soon afterwards began presenting for BBC2's *Travel Show*. He then became a regular presenter for the *Holiday* programme on BBC1, and in 2007 presented the last film in the final programme of the series, which had run for 37 years.

In addition to his work for *The Independent*, he now presents *Simon Calder's Travel Clinic* on London's news station, LBC 97.3, contributes regularly to *BBC Breakfast* and *GMTV*, comments on travel issues for national and local BBC radio and TV stations, and is contributing editor for *Condé Nast Traveller* and *High Life* magazine.

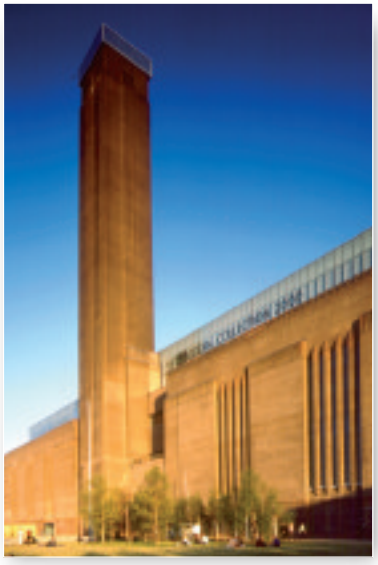
Simon has the most immaculate manners, and stretches of the tape of our interview amount to duels of mutual thank yous, you're welcomes and good lucks. His intrinsically polite disposition was probably useful as he rummaged through the personal effects of travellers in his previous career, but undoubtedly it's one of the keys to his success as a professional traveller too.

He's seen as a consumer advocate, and Simon's honest, unbiased reporting is a refreshing touchstone in an industry that relies so heavily on PR spin. "I try and write as perceptively as I can. I'm trying

> "I enjoy being a tourist all the way from the South Bank through to the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill"

Clockwise from left: Brighton beach and its famous pier; sunset in Havana, Cuba; the Tate Modern; Simon Calder

to make sure that I inspire and inform and entertain in my writing. But it's not for me to say if I succeed," he laughs with trademark humility.



Fans and followers have no such doubts in his abilities, and in these penny-pinching times his budget travel advice is more in demand than ever. What does 2009 hold for the globe-trotting south Londoner? "I'm spending more time in the UK now than previously because I pay for all my travel and I'm very, very conscious of what Britain now offers relative to other places. I'll be getting up to Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, probably the Lake District later on in the year. London is the place to start because it is the hub of the rail network. I don't have a car, I always travel by trains, and I do everything I can to find the cheapest I can."

If you do have the cash to stretch to long haul, Simon offers a word of advice. "The thing is, most places will be exactly the same or pretty much the same in five years' time. One place which definitely won't is Cuba, so it's one place I urge people to get to if they haven't been there before."

When asked whether he prefers to keep his top choice for domestic travel a bit of a secret, his answer is telling. "Oh no, there's no point keeping anything a secret!" he exclaims. In addition to humility and manners, Simon's generosity is clearly central to his career success. "I don't think – particularly living in south London – you can go wrong with Brighton. It's very, very lucky having a place you can enjoy a little indulgence very close to hand."

Simon doesn't even need to go as far as Brighton, though, to be in travel mode. "I'm a tourist at all times," he maintains. "I enjoy being a tourist all the way from the South Bank through to the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill and I even went camping one night at the campsite in Crystal Palace! It's a very good site, very well run."

For someone who's been all over the world, he remains conspicuously enthusiastic about his own backyard. "I've seen the way that south London has really grown in stature and appeal and everything. And now I think that wonderful curve of London from Westminster Bridge to the Oxo Tower and beyond to Tate Modern is really the touristic hub of London." In the heart of this patch you'll find his favourite London journey: "Anything that involves going over Waterloo Bridge has to be a good result, hasn't it?"

If a travel journalist could find cause to complain, you'd think it would be because the constant desire to move abroad must surely be an occupational hazard. Not so, however, in the case of the ever-gracious Mr Calder, who calls London "the official capital of the world". "It's a wonderful place to live and work and bring up children. We're very lucky to be living in the world centre of cheap travel at a time when we have so many opportunities. Wherever you're going, London is usually the best place to start."

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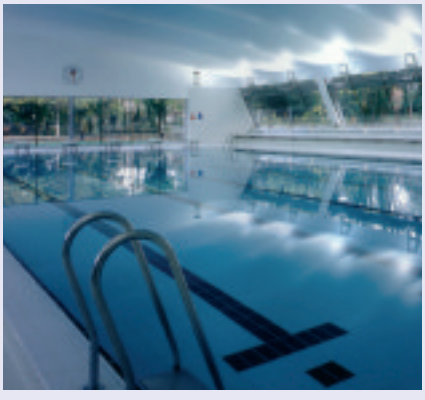

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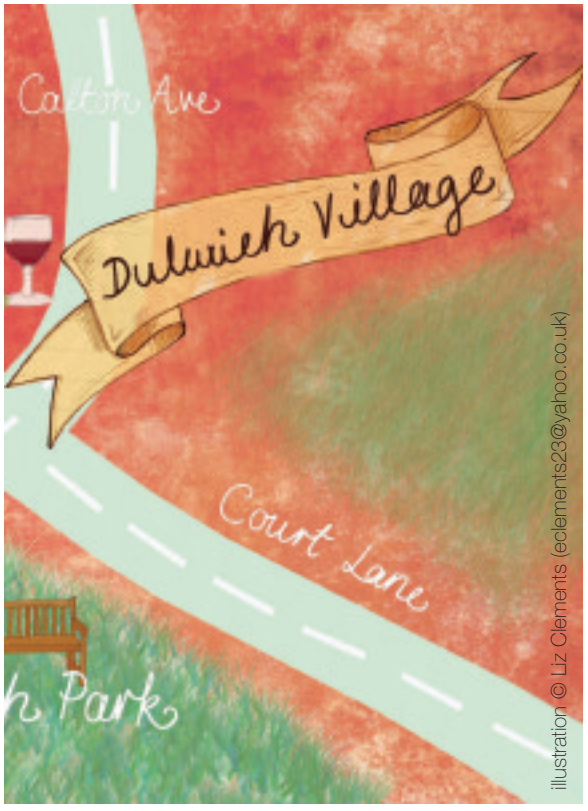

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On the make

Edori Fertig guides us through a typical week for East Dulwich's very own eccentric eco-arts cooperative, the Skip Sisters

Monday by Edori Fertig

There has been a clearout in the staffroom at work. My skip-sensitive eyes spot some laminated maps and the brain ticks into overdrive. I spend my lunch hour trimming the maps into Oyster card-wallet sizes on the guillotine. Some teachers spot me and ask me what I'm doing: "It's for a cross-curricular art project," I reply lamely. Leaving work I spot a handsome roofer near North Cross Road and get an idea for a Skip Sisters calendar featuring tradesmen of East Dulwich – I think he would make a good January. Hmm…

Tuesday by Angie van Manen

Talking my husband Henry into bending old silver forks turned out to be a bad idea – he now has half a fork embedded in the palm of his guitar-picking hand. Once we're certain there will be no lasting tendon damage, I continue bending the other 30 forks on the handle of the knife drawer. A walk down the street turns up an old brass toilet chain – of course it's still attached to the toilet in a skip, so I struggle ineffectually until I'm rescued by a builder with bolt cutters. It could be good for industrial pendants, but I'll wait a few days until asking Henry to cut each link free…

Wednesday by Pia Randall-Goddard

I've now put all my Skip Sister stock down into the basement, along with a plug-in heater. Behind me, as I descend into the gloom to work, a family-sized sigh of relief tells me this was a good move. Sitting surrounded by hairpins, broken necklaces and torn lampshades, turning fantasy into fact, I wonder what my late mother, upon whom I heaped so much scorn for her obsessive need to reuse, mend and hoard "useful things", would think of me now.

Thursday by Julia Burnett

I'm in the kitchen, trying to attach snippets of my daughter's hair extensions on to the miniature Lady Godiva for a tiny diorama. My daughter strolls in and has the cheek to ask me what I am doing with my life. I meet up with Skip Sister Edori to complete a whole set of cufflinks using (possibly valuable) stamps. We find that, for some obscure reason, resin doesn't set under UK weather conditions. A post-mortem tells us that resin only works under unreasonably high temperatures. We quit and go on a charity shop jaunt to Penge. It's a tough life.

Friday
by Helen Turner

I receive a phone call from the other Skip Sisters announcing an impromptu trip to the flea market. I ignore an urgent to-do list for the museum, agree to meet up and trawl through my wallet and the family moneybox for cash to no avail. I find myself in my daughter's room writing an IOU on a Post-it note and attaching it to her piggy bank. I realise I have an addiction that needs immediate intervention.

Saturday
by Lizzie Honeybone

Since working full time at the theatre, I've had little market time, so I am overjoyed when we have a Saturday outing. I ask a stallholder about a retro clock: "£5," he says. "Does it work?" I ask. "How the hell should I know?" he replies. "Make it £3 then," I say. "£5 as is. Greedy trader," he says. I want to retreat to the cafe but persevere, heading to the stack-it-high-and-sell-it-cheap merchant. I find a pile of zips that will do for the rosette corsages I'm making. I meet the others to celebrate with cappuccino and carrot cake.

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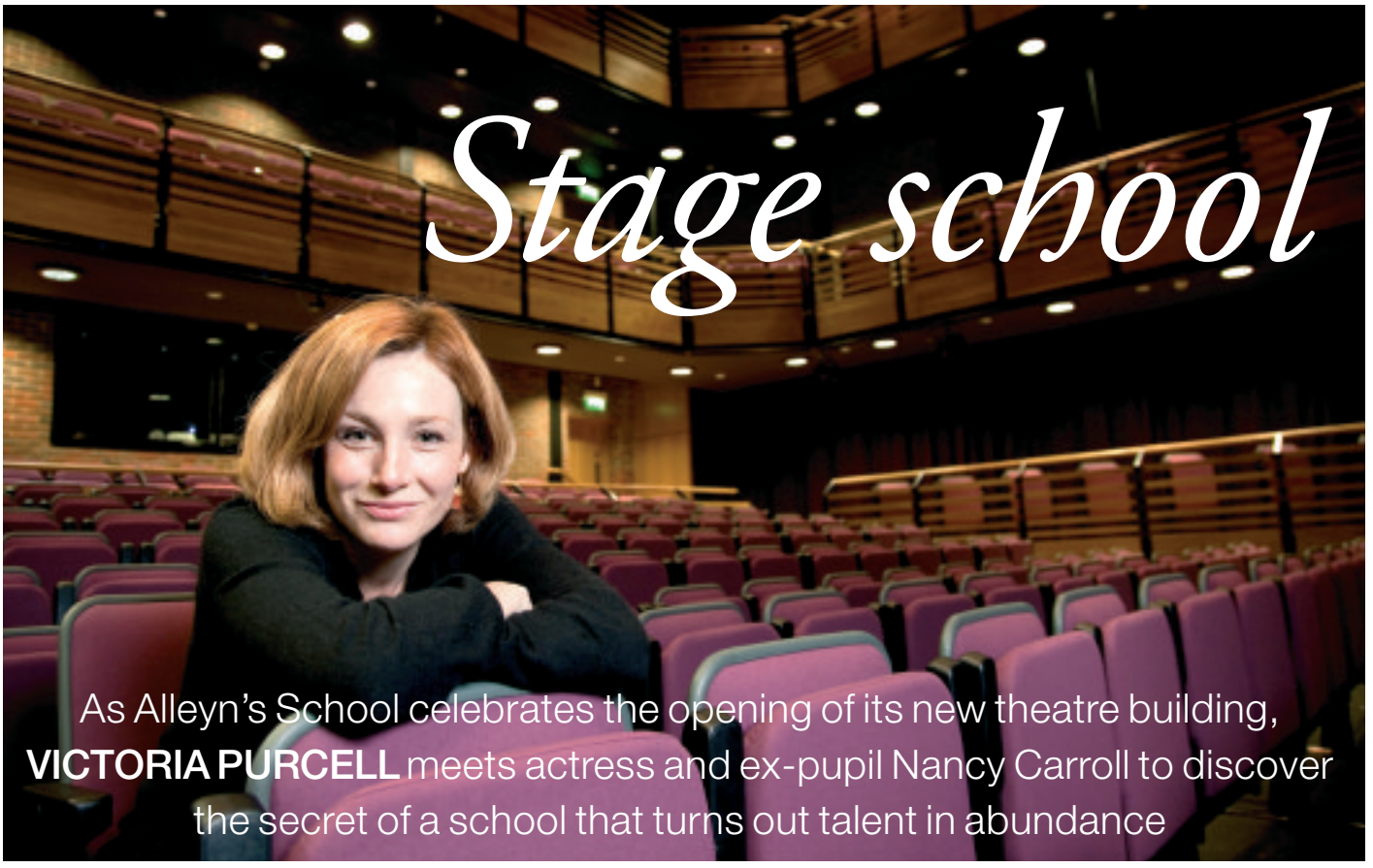

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As Alleyn's School celebrates the opening of its new theatre building, **VICTORIA PURCELL** meets actress and ex-pupil Nancy Carroll to discover the secret of a school that turns out talent in abundance

ERIC RICHARDSON (WWW.PHOTOGRAPHER.CO.UK); HANNAH MAULE-FFINCH

There is often that feeling, when you revisit a childhood haunt, that you're missing out on something. Fantastic new developments seem to sprout up in the blink of an eye and you can't help but stop and think, it's much better than when I was here…

Alumni returning to Alleyn's School in Dulwich, then, could be forgiven for suffering a bout of envy at the opening of the new Edward Alleyn Building and Michael Croft Theatre. Yet on the night of the gala opening in March, the only emotion seemingly running high was a tangible sense of pride. Guests Timothy West and Prunella Scales clapped and cheered alongside parents and pupils as renowned director Sir Trevor Nunn officially kicked off an evening of celebrations. Actors Julian Glover, Nicholas Day and David Haig were among former pupils who took to the stage on the evening, revisiting roles they played as students.

Founded in 1619 by leading Elizabethan actor Edward Alleyn, the school has always sported an ethos of creativity. But it was in 1956 that the school's theatrical leanings came to prominence when a group of Alleyn's Old Boys – among them actors Simon Ward, Richard Hampton and David Weston – approached their former English teacher, Michael Croft, with the idea of creating the National Youth Theatre (NYT). The school has since turned out household names such as Jude Law, Laurence Llewelyn Bowen and Ed Simmons.

Actress Nancy Carroll, who graduated in 1992, has toured with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC), appeared in *The Gathering Storm*, *Cambridge Spies* and *Iris*, and has just finished filming TV favourite *Midsomer Murders* (in which her dog is also making an appearance: "I'm working on the back of his star turn, they really only let me in as the dog handler!" she jokes). She is currently in rehearsals for Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, opening at the Duke of York's Theatre at the end of May.

The current president of alumni society the Edward Alleyn Club, Nancy took to the stage as Nina in a scene from *The Seagull* on gala night. A few days later, I asked her how it felt to be back.

"I always feel nervous, particularly backstage in the dark where, if you're not concentrating, you might end up in the broom cupboard while everyone's waiting for you to come on stage! But it was very special. Everyone here worked tirelessly to create the event and to put this building on the map. There was an extraordinary energy and joy and that was lovely to be part of."

At the tender age of five, Nancy had her first taste of theatre playing the queen in *Rumpelstiltskin* in a production at Dulwich Hamlet. "I remember getting incredibly serious about it," she says, "unhealthily serious for a five-year-old. I had my 'this is what I want to do' moment, and even now, when I'm rehearsing or performing, I don't want to be anywhere else."

At Alleyn's, her first part was as a baker in *Queen of Hearts*, soon followed by the part of Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. "When I played it at the Sheffield Crucible about 18 years later, the performances were frighteningly similar, I think I hadn't actually progressed at all!" laughs Nancy.

She grew up in Herne Hill off Half Moon Lane. Together with her husband, actor Jo Stone-Fewings, she moved to Brighton for four years, but the couple grew tired of the commute to and from London and now Nancy, Jo, their one-year old daughter

From left to right: Nancy Carroll at the new Michael Croft Theatre; David Haig and Sir Trevor Nunn at the gala opening; guests celebrate the new Edward Alleyn Building, home of the Michael Croft Theatre

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Nellie and lurcher Digby live back in Herne Hill ("on the other side of Brockwell Park").

These days, Nancy is a regular on stage at the National Theatre. "As a kid I had dreams of treading the boards. We'd drive over Waterloo Bridge and I would look out of the window wishing 'one day, one day, one day, please can I work there'. And it must have worked! It's a creative mecca, so people want to work there. It's such a great place to be and they continue to produce such exciting work, so to be asked to be part of that is any actor's dream."

The paths of talented members of Alleyn's alumni can't seem to help but cross, as they traverse the country, and indeed the globe, on stage and screen.

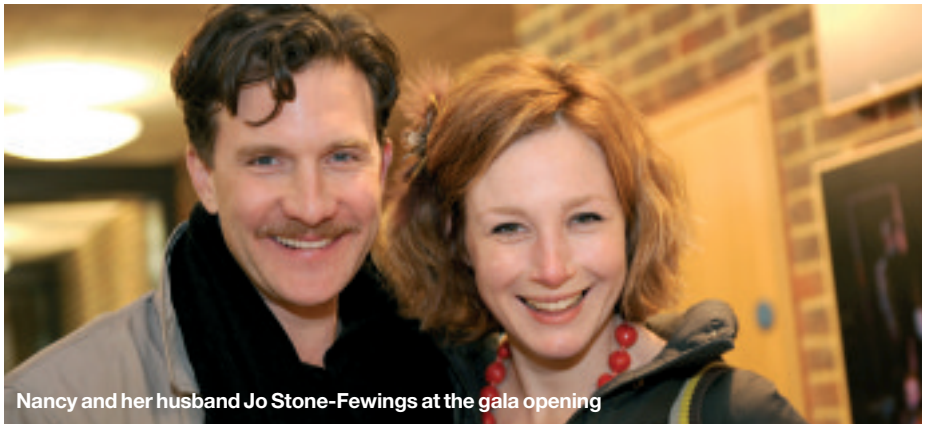
"Sam West [a former Alleyn's student] and I worked together at the RSC, he also directed me in *The Lady's Not for Burning* at Chichester, and last November, in *Waste* at the Almeida," says Nancy. "He's a great friend."

"There is an extraordinary link [between alumni]," she adds. "Until Julian Glover and I did *The Voysey Inheritance* together at the National, I didn't realise quite how important the houses were. Julian asked me, 'Which house were you in?' and when I said Brading's, he scoffed mockingly and said, 'Oh I was in Sprugeon's!' So there is a bond, of course there is."

Gone are the days of performing on a rickety stage in the dining hall or out in the field, but does it feel very much like the same old Alleyn's?

"It has developed hugely, both architecturally and in population," says Nancy, "but I think the general ethos, joy and passion are the same. The energy is definitely the same."

And long may it continue. ●



Nancy and her husband Jo Stone-Fewings at the gala opening

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Raising the ROOF

East Dulwich-based contemporary choir Note-Orious is right on key, finds **ERIC RICHARDSON**

I'm sure many of you reading this may have some traumatic memories from your school days and music lessons. Personally, I was deeply traumatised, as was most of the school, by a music teacher who would point at you and boom "YOU BOY – SOLO – STAND UP!" while the rest of the class breathed a collective sigh of relief. So it was with some trepidation that I spent an evening in the company of Note-Orious, a friendly choir formed by Dulwich resident Vicky Goode, who was looking for a choir with less focus on traditional choral music.

"I've always belonged to choirs," explains Vicky, "but they've never quite been what I wanted, for whatever reason. They were too far away, or weren't singing contemporary music, and in the back of my mind I began to think it would be nice to set up my own choir, and to make it my idea of what a good choir should be, so I advertised to see if anyone else would be interested." And interested they were, with over 100 women, and almost 60 men asking to join the choir.

As I watch the rehearsal taking place, and hear a very moving rendition of Snow Patrol's *Chasing Cars*, followed by a boisterous rendition of *Fairytale Of New York* with the male and female parts played out perfectly, it soon becomes clear that, while there is clearly a very relaxed atmosphere, people are here to work hard as well as enjoy themselves.

The choir's musical director, singing tutor and composer Matthew Knowles, became involved when he met Vicky through a mutual friend. "We chatted about what she wanted to do, and I thought it sounded really interesting. Two weeks later, Vicky contacted me asking if I'd like to do it."

With Matthew's background, surely working with this choir must require a different approach?

"I think my role is twofold really," explains Matthew. "It is to actually teach the lines and the harmonies, but it's also to just facilitate people enjoying singing. Singing is all about confidence. It's 10% actual ability and 90% confidence, and I think that's what we are trying to generate here."

So what of the singing pedigree of the choir members? For Jennifer Jackson, like many, it was returning to something she had enjoyed from her younger days: "I sang in the choir at school, at the odd wedding and christening, as well as joining in with *X-Factor* in the living room, so I thought why not get out and meet some people locally, and do something I enjoy."

For Cheryl Richardson, who has been a long-time member of a central London Baroque choir, she offers a rather forthright opinion: "It's nice to sing songs written by people still alive to be honest!"

For one choir member, David Mullany, I feel a certain sympathy when I ask him of his musical past: "I was on a training course, and we were asked to agree to tackle our two greatest fears. The first was easy, that was a parachute jump, and the second was to learn to sing. I thought I was tone deaf!" Having signed up with a music teacher he was surprised to find he actually had a good voice. After six years without singing he then found out about the choir, and has rekindled his passion once more.

So with its more contemporary approach, the aim being to sing music ranging from West End shows through to chart music, I ask Vicky if there is one song she really wants the choir to sing?

"Everybody thinks I'm crazy," she smiles, "but I really want to do *Dirrty* by Christina Aguilera. It would just be brilliant! No audience would be expecting that!"

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Had he not been 30 stone, I'd have picked him up physically. As it was, I just blocked the aisle until he got up. As he huffed his way down the carriage, I flicked him a V-sign, at which point the lady sitting opposite my rightfully claimed seat announced, "That's my husband."

Anyway, I was spending a couple of days writing with my friend Judith who lives in Hexham with lots of animals. On the morning of my departure I awoke to find the contents of my suitcase sopping wet – a ginger Tom, sitting on a windowsill, looked guilty.

What to do? I had a pre-booked train to catch! We did what we could with a hair dryer.

I tell you if you ever want a train carriage all to yourself, just ask a cat very nicely if it would mind urinating inside your suitcase – honestly. To anyone who was sitting within whiffing distance of me, I'm really sorry.

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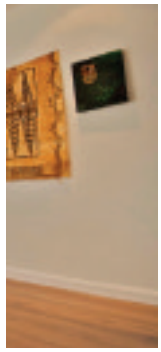

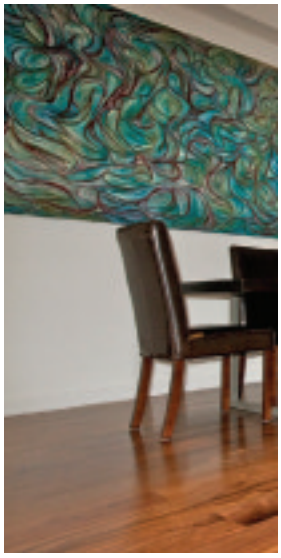

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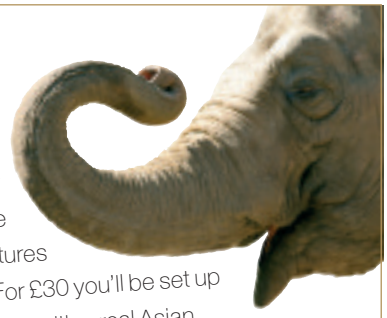

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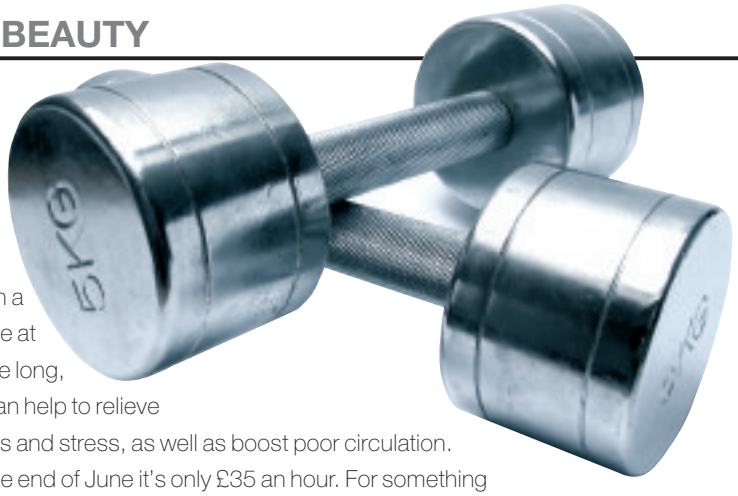

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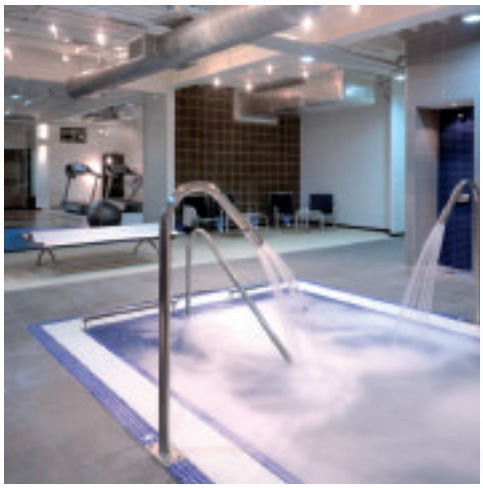

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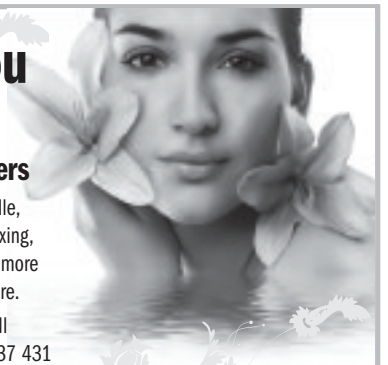

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Regardless of the extensive treatment menu available, which includes the Rolls Royce of treatments such as Oxygen Facials, Micro-Dermabrasion, IPL Laser Therapy for Hair Reduction, Skin Rejuvenation, Collagen Stimulation, Acne and Thread Vein Removal. Lesley and staff would like to welcome "Jeunesse Éternelle" Anti Ageing Spa; the ultimate collection of anti-ageing remedies. Jeunesse Éternelle has been designed by the experts to give you lasting youth as well as being the ideal relaxation tool.

The spa day includes a Micro-Dermabrasion Fusion facial; an exclusive treatment designed by Lesley Leale-Green, the beauty guru herself and only available within her award-winning clinics.

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"Margaritas all round!"

I DO LOVE MEXICAN. Blessed with sun on a Bank Holiday Monday evening, I had to hold myself back from bursting through the door and yelling "margaritas all round!"

But oh, how fickle I am. The second I was seated it was the Long Island iced tea that caught my eye. My poor friend Ellie was suffering quite a hangover, and immediately started scouring the menu for "the cure" while I babbled on about past tales of iced tea-induced shenanigans.

Dos Amigos has recently been refurbished and deep red walls, colourful canvases and a smattering of sombreros create a contemporary Mexican feel.

The vibe is upbeat with a healthy mix of diners, from children bouncing around in the aforementioned headgear, to a party of 12 arriving in a flurry of laughter, quiet couples and a trio of seniors nibbling on nachos.

I dithered over muscles in taco sauce or jalapa (jalapenos stuffed with cream cheese and lightly fried) to start, finally settling on the latter, while Ellie indulged in loaded potato skins with chilli con carne and sour cream.

Ma amiga had recently returned from Texas and, keen to bask in the memory, she ordered the BBQ chicken – half a southern-style smoked chicken with fries and coleslaw. Despite a solid week's practise with American portion sizes, it didn't take long to defeat her.

I can't resist a fajita, especially a honey duck fajita, and I most enjoyed dripping guacamole all over the table while wrestling sizzling duck, onions and peppers into warm tortillas.

We shared a gooey chocolate and caramel Mississippi mud pie for dessert. Then, not ready to call time on the Bank Holiday weekend, I finally ordered that margarita. Olé!

Victoria Purcell

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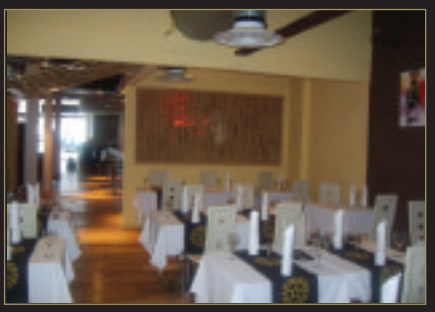

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The day we went for lunch was warm and sunny, which made getting into the South American vibe easy. Choosing what to eat, however, took ages as we kept being distracted by the wonderful views of the city in the distance. Eventually I chose the Brazilian chicken salad. It was simply bursting with freshness and flavour. I enjoyed it so much I even asked for the recipe – if only all salads could be that good! I also thought I'd try a compai juice. The compai, a Brazilian fruit, is juiced to order for ultimate freshness. It was the perfect accompaniment to my salad.

I have to admit to being slightly anxious about eating anything with the prefix "deep fried" but, after my healthy salad and juice, I wanted to try a coxinha, a traditional deep-fried savoury with cheese and shredded chicken breast. My companion opted for kibe, the minced beef pastry. Ok, both were a little bit naughty but also very, very nice and there wasn't a hint of grease to be seen or tasted in either. Yum!

Unable to eat another thing we finished up with coffee. I like my coffee to taste of coffee and this did; strong and expertly made, it set me up for the rest of the day.

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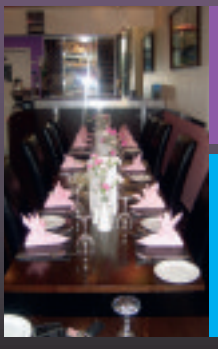

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23 May-11 June

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43 Denmark Hill SE5 8RS
020 7703 8396; www.gxgallery.com
Read an exclusive Q&A with Ed Gray at www.livingsouth.co.uk/features

The very best of the month ahead

PREVIEW

Above: Giant Snowball – Peckham Rye by Michael Fenner. Right: Peter Pan returns home to Kensington Gardens

PECKHAM

5-31 May

Local artist and actor Michael Fenner, who has appeared on stage at Shakespeare's Globe, Greenwich Playhouse and the National Theatre, is exhibiting his latest works at Petitou. His small-scale, affordable artworks include impressionistic oil sketches of local scenes, Venice and Morocco.

Petitou, 63 Choumert Road SE15 4AR; 020 7639 2613
See www.michaelfenner.com

LONDON BRIDGE

8 May-7 June

The Unicorn Ensemble presents *Twelfth Night*, a boisterous introduction to Shakespeare for ages 10 and above that brings the stories of Viola and Malvolio right up to date without forgetting their Elizabethan origins. £16, concs £10, family ticket £44.

147 Tooley Street SE1 2HZ
020 7645 0560; www.unicorntheatre.com

NUNHEAD

16 May

Nunhead Cemetery's annual open day features birds of prey, a bodger (woodturner), a bug hunt, choirs performing in the chapel and guided tours throughout day. There's also face-painting, various stalls to peruse, plants for sale and refreshments. 11-5pm. Free entry.

Linden Grove SE15 3LP
See www.fonc.org.uk

KENSINGTON

26 May-30 Aug

Peter and Wendy return home for the first time in over 100 years with a new production of JM Barrie's *Peter Pan* performed in a specially designed tent in Kensington Gardens. World renowned composer Benjamin Wallfisch, a south east London resident, has composed the soundtrack. The site includes a bar, restaurant and picnic facilities. Performances Tues-Sat 7.30pm (matinees Tues, Thurs and Sat 2pm and Sun 3pm).

Tickets £22.50-£47.50. Call 0871 386 1122 or see www.visitlondon.com to book

DULWICH

15 May

Families that play together, stay together. That's the ethos behind the *Family Music Soiree*, which sees parents and children performing together. Be part of the crowd to witness a parent-child role reversal as the young 'uns teach the oldies new tricks, and raise money for children living in Gaza while you're there. 7pm-9pm. Adults £5, kids £3.

The Old Library, Dulwich College SE21 7LD. Call Julian Smith on 07973 266 458

DULWICH VILLAGE

5 June

The Rotary Club of Dulwich & Peckham is holding a race night with buffet and licensed bar in aid of the Rotary and local charities. 7pm (first race 7.30pm). £8 (includes buffet).

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MAKE MERRY

Ease yourself into the sunny season with pre-summer fun courtesy of two local festivals. Living South takes a look at the line up

Two local festivals light up May with an array of arts and cultural events. The Dulwich Festival takes place this year from 8-17 May, swiftly followed by the Sydenham International Music Festival from 24 May- 21 June.

DULWICH FESTIVAL

13 MAY

The kids will love the Claymation Lip Sync Workshop with animator Paul Felts at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School, Dulwich Village SE21 7AL. Make a clay face and an animated sequence to your own script. £3. 3.45-5.15pm. Ages 8-11. Limited places.

13 MAY

Critically acclaimed author Fran Sandham walked across Africa alone with no backup and no fuss. Sandham takes to the stage to speak of his experiences and of his book *Traversa: A solo walk across Africa* – a tale that needs to be heard to be believed. 7.30pm. £10, concs £8 including a glass of wine. Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road SE21 7AD

16 MAY

Comedy in the Dog: Dulwich Stands Up brings outstanding comedy from Jo Caulfield, regular star of BBC2's *Mock the Week*, comic genius Simon Munnery and *Time Out*'s 9th Best Comedian, Terry Saunders. 8.30pm for 9pm start. £10. Over 18s only. Crown & Greyhound, 73 Dulwich Village SE21 7BJ

16-17 MAY

Get your art fix during the Artist's Open House. Over 100 local artists and galleries fling open their doors to display work from oil paintings, photographs, sculptures and ceramics to jewellery and furniture. Catch artists Pat Rae, Ann Dingsdale and Jane Higginbottom at The Old Coach House and Garden, 3 The Hermitage SE23 3QD. 11am-6pm. Free. Pick up a full Open House guide from Dulwich Picture Gallery.

For the full line up or to buy tickets see www.dulwichfestival.co.uk

SYDENHAM INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

24 MAY

Young Serbian cellist Maja Bogdanovic makes her British debut at the festival's opening concert with the St Bartholomew Festival Orchestra. Conducted by Robert Trory, numbers include Rossini's Overture *The Italian Girl in Algiers* and Shostakovich's *Cello Concert No 1*. 7.30pm. £16, £10 concs. St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill SE26 6QR

28 MAY

The Festival String Quartet plays an hour-long programme of miniatures by favourite composers in the St Christopher's Hospice Afternoon Tea Concert, which will be relayed live via CCTV to all the wards. £5. 2.30pm. St Christopher's Hospice, 51-59 Lawrie Park Road SE26 6DZ

3 JUNE

Florilegium, the finest baroque ensemble, returns to Sydenham after an absence of four years to play works by Purcell and Handel. Sponsored by Property World. 7.30pm. £8.50. The Dolphin Pub, 121 Sydenham Road SE26 3HB

13 JUNE

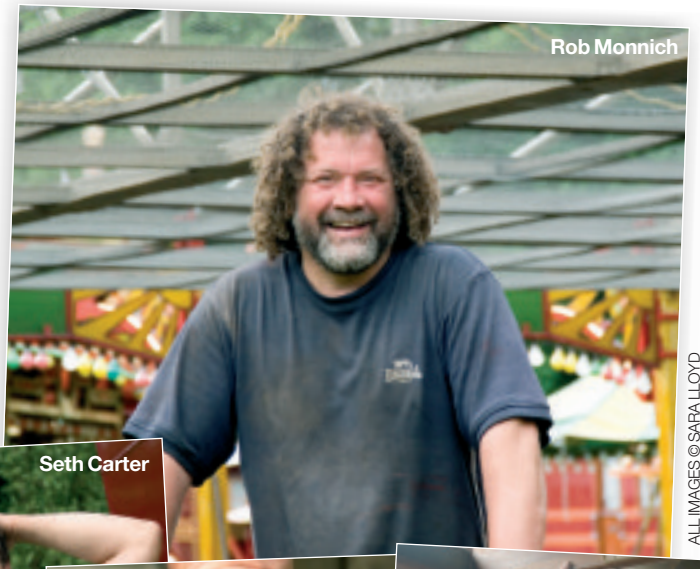
The St Bartholomew Festival Orchestra's children's concert presents Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, conducted by Robert Trory and narrated by Jamie Rip. Sponsored by the Lucille Graham Trust. 11am. £5. St Bartholomew's Church, Westwood Hill SE26 6QR

Tickets available from Kirkdale Bookshop 272 Kirkdale SE26 4RS; 020 8778 4701. See www.sydenhammusic.net for more events

Pictures from left to right: Fran Sandham; Maya Bogdanovic; Landscape With Curved Track by Michael Burles (Artists Open House)

Fair play

SARA LLOYD captures all the fun of the fair on camera with a peak behind the scenes of Carter's Steam Fair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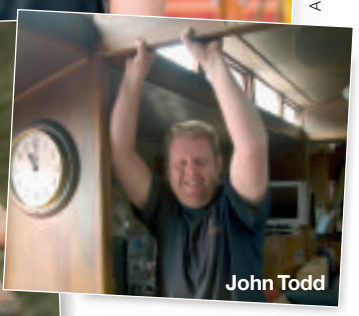
John Todd

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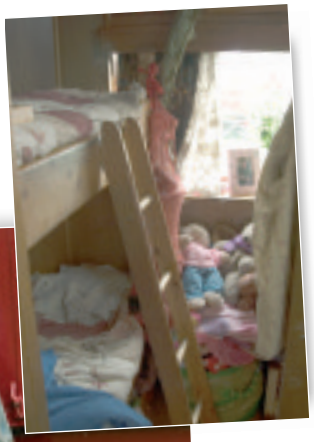
Warm, articulate and welcoming may not be the first words that spring to mind when people think of travelling showmen, but many assumptions were blown away when I met the family and people behind Carter's Steam Fair.

I turned up unannounced on a busy build-up day for the fair and I was immediately introduced to Seth Carter, who took time out of his busy schedule to explain some of the history and background behind the fair.

Carter's Steam Fair was the brainchild of John and Anna Carter, who started in 1977 with one ride. Thirty-one years later it is a unique and vibrant family business that Anna and her five children, Seth, Zed, Joby, Rosie and Amber are all involved in.



The company is based in Maidenhead and travels around London and the South East from April until October. The company employs some 50 staff, both permanent and temporary, including carpenters, electricians, painters and drivers who often work 80-100 hours a week in the season.

So what is life like on the road? Well, it seems that the people who work on the fair form a close-knit family who live in each other's pockets for six months of the year. Everyone has to multi-task and the life is physically demanding. Back-to-back shows and constant travelling mean that staff see little of their families, often only catching up with them at the weekend when their wives and children drive to meet them.

Huge caravans, ornately decorated with the owner's name, encircle the site and provide the staff with a home for their months on the road. John Todd, who originally hails from Herne Hill, kindly showed me around his caravan. Inside everything is compact and complete with beautiful wooden panelling encasing all mod cons such as kitchen appliances, TV and the essential laptop. An enchanting bedroom for his visiting daughters is crammed with toys, including a traditional doll's house, and stepping inside was like going back in time.

When the season ends, Seth returns home to Maidenhead to begin the busy maintenance schedule and to spend some quality time with his wife and four children. He also finds time to play rugby for Maidenhead RFC and to coach and referee the children's squad.

During our conversation, Seth did allude to the negative attitudes some people have of fair ground workers. He did much to dispel these and what I came away with is the impression of a man who is justifiably proud of being a showman and one who believes he is continuing an important cultural tradition for us all to enjoy. ●

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How did you get into the world of interiors?
Ian: I started out in Brixton Market selling curtain materials and nets, then I went to Rogers in Streatham where I learned curtain fitting and worked my way up to manager. In 1987 a curtain shop in Penge became available, so I took the plunge into running my own curtain business.

What's hot in the world of curtain couture?
Judy: Gone are creams and natural colours; in are bold, vibrant colours and patterns. Curtains are making a come back, but valances and frills are out in favour of a simpler look, such as pole-and-eyelet and pinch-pleated curtains. Upholstered pelmets are also in, which can be made to any shape or size and, for a colonial clean-cut look plantation shutters are popular.

What services do you provide?
Judy: We have a team of curtain and blind fitters (some of whom have been working for us for 20 years), a team of curtain makers in our own workrooms above the shop and an onsite upholsterer. We are a small team who take pride in our work, provide a good service to our customers and work together to make the business run smoothly.

When you're not immersed in fabric and shutters, how do you spend your time?
Judy: We are both Chelsea season-ticket holders, but Saturday games are impossible for both of us to attend, so we have to take it in turns. Luckily there are Sunday and evening games we can both attend.
Ian: I like to keep fit, playing five-a-side football at least once a week and running on the treadmill. We both enjoy eating out and socialising with our friends.

Are you involved in the local community?
Judy: I am the current chairman of the Penge Traders Association and we are working with town centre manager Nicola Musto to unite businesses in working towards a more vibrant place to live, work and play. To try to improve trade in the area we're introducing a Penge Discount Card, which will be available to all traders and staff to encourage locals to shop locally. So far we have around 35 businesses signed up. We ourselves try to support local business by promoting them to our customers and eating out at least once a week.

In what direction do you see Penge heading?
Judy: We see Penge as an area ripe for improvement as property is still reasonable, we have excellent travel links and in 2012 the tube arrives! In our 22 years here we have seen many changes; young professionals are moving into the area, more restaurants and cafes are opening and the High Street is busy, but we would like to see more variety in our shops. Hopefully we will see a few changes soon as a Travel Lodge is due to open here, which can only be good for local business.

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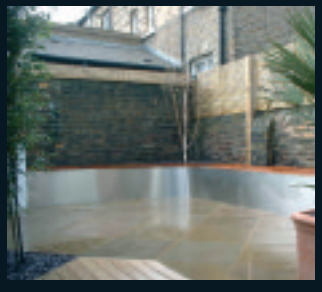

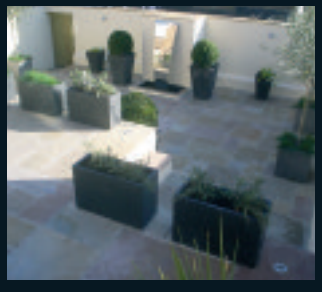

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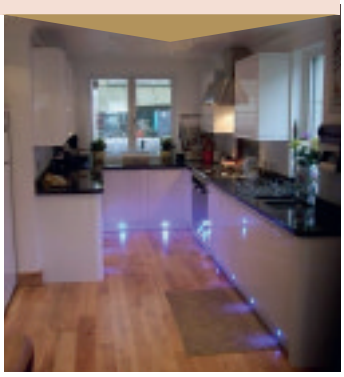

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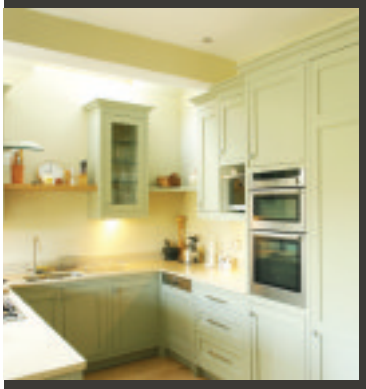

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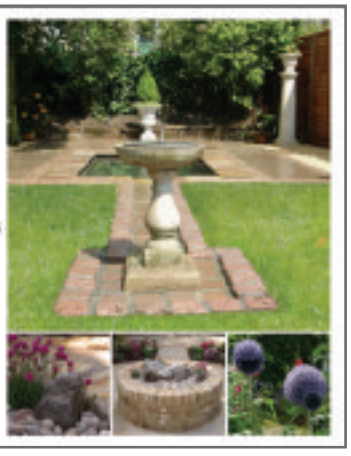

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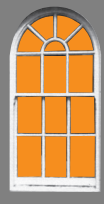

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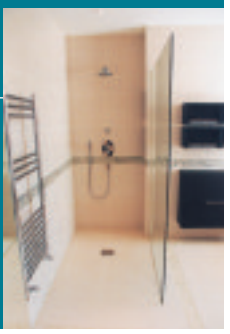

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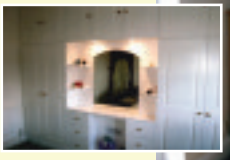

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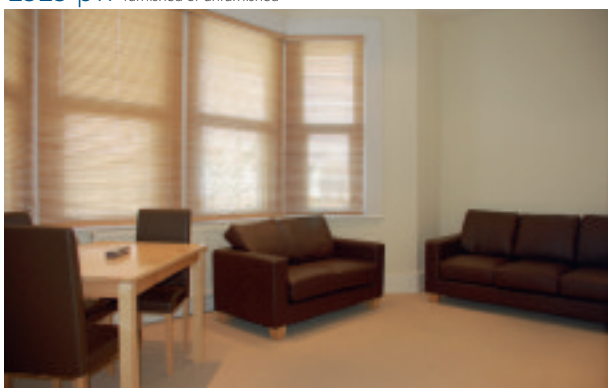

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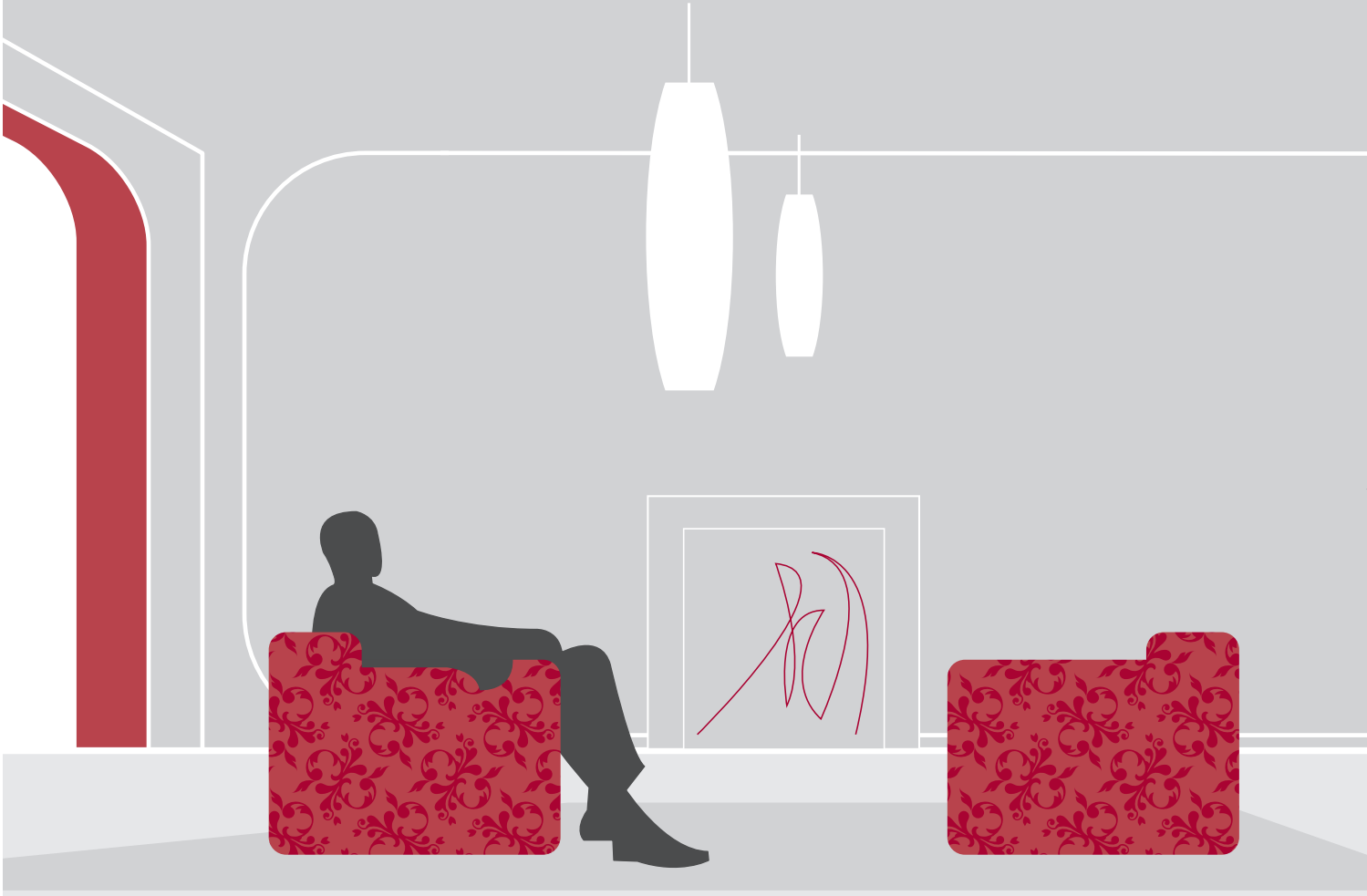

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With reports in the media telling us that properties were remaining unsold, we made the assumption that the lettings market would be flooded with good prospects – simple economics dictates that when supply goes up and demand remains the same, prices tumble. Surely we could find our dream pad?

Excited at this prospect, we bounded up Lordship Lane and the surrounding streets, registering with every agent, eager at the possibilities that awaited.

Our disappointment at what we found was palatable; yes prices were reduced from their mid-2007 high, but not to where we had hoped. To compound our misery, decent properties coming on to the market were being rented within days.

We wanted two decent-sized bedrooms, a big kitchen and a garden for BBQ's and summer fun, but spent two weeks looking at properties that were the polar opposite. It was becoming apparent there was a lack of good-value properties with gardens. We were facing having to accept a similar place to where we were – with no discounted rent!

Our luck turned, though, with a phone call to Roy Brooks estate agents. In just one visit to their office they identified two properties that matched our requirements perfectly. The second of these ticked all the boxes apart from one – the price. Apparently, the price had put off other suitors, too, as it had been a long time empty. Roy Brooks advised us to make a reduced offer and, to our surprise, the landlord accepted.

Thanks to Roy Brooks, we are now happily settled in our new house – the garden is great, the reduced rent even better! Perhaps this credit crunch does have a silver lining.

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Anerley SE20 **£225,000 L/H**

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Sydenham 020 8776 7070

Peckham SE15 **£199,950 L/H**

Ground floor purpose built flat situated in a new development close to all local amenities. Comprises an 18ft open plan kitchen/reception with Juliette balcony, two bedrooms and three piece bathroom. This flat also benefits from secure parking.

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Nunhead SE15 **£369,995 F/H**

This three double bedroom Victorian terraced house offers an array of Victorian features including sash windows and boasts a staggering 23ft+ kitchen/diner with an enormous bay window and direct access to the rear garden.

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Sydenham SE26 **£179,995 L/H**

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Camberwell SE5 **£150,000 S/O/FH**

Charming first floor Georgian apartment set within a private development comprising one double bedroom, large lounge/kitchen and ample storage. Further benefits include beautifully maintained communal garden and no onward chain.

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Herne Hill SE24 **£250,000 L/H**

Two double bedroom conversion flat situated in an ideal location in Herne Hill. The property comprises kitchen/diner, three piece bathroom suite, well maintained private garden and excellent transport links with Herne Hill station close by.

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Lettings

Brosley Grove SE26 **£750 PCM**

Newly refurbished Victorian house close to transport links, comprising 25ft through lounge, 13ft breakfast room, fitted kitchen, four double bedrooms, one bedroom with built in shower and two bathrooms. Further benefits include 35ft rear garden.

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Camberwell SE5 **£950 PCM**

Stunning two bedroom modern terraced house situated close to Camberwell local amenities and mainline transport links. Property boasts spacious lounge, fully fitted kitchen, three piece bathroom and off street parking.

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A large well presented four double bedroom, two bathroom Victorian semi detached house in close proximity to both Lordship Lane and East Dulwich station. A stunning family house with a large south west facing garden.

Hansler Road £499,950

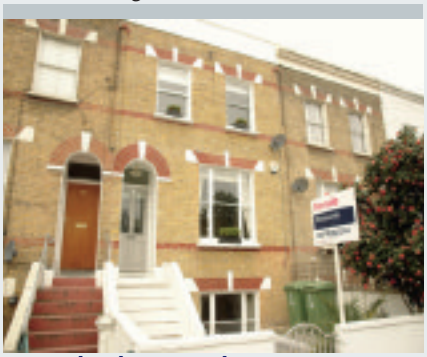
A fantastic three double bedroom house located in the heart of East Dulwich. Double reception with period features, large kitchen diner, three double bedrooms, family bathroom and attractive garden.

Melbourne Grove £615,000

A beautifully presented four double bedroom house situated on one of East Dulwich's most popular roads. Large reception with period features, family kitchen diner, four double bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attractive private garden.

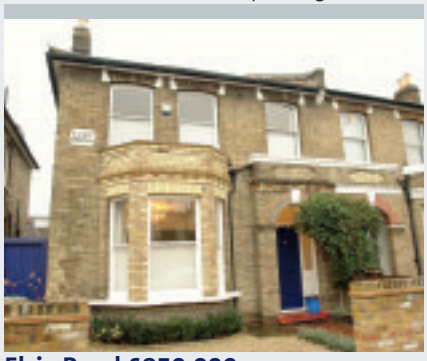
Maxted Road £465,000

A fantastic three bedroom Victorian terrace house situated in the Bellenden Road area. The side return extended kitchen has created a lovely large and bright entertaining area, a double reception, three bedrooms, and large private garden.



Crystal Palace Road £615,000

A wonderful 4 bedroom Victorian town house located close to North Cross Road, and all the shops and restaurants on Lordship Lane. Large 80ft garden, two reception rooms, modern kitchen diner, two bathrooms and 4 double bedrooms.

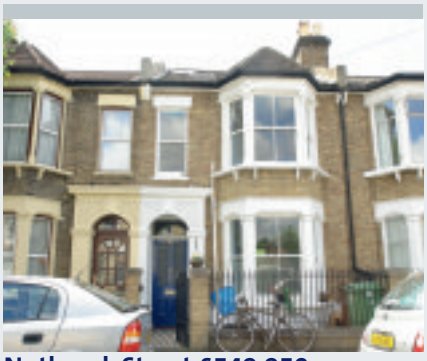


Elsie Road £850,000

An absolutely stunning 6 bedroom semi detached house with off street parking and large garden. The property has recently been updated with bespoke kitchen and modern bathrooms, lots of period features

Silvester Road £599,950

Victorian terraced house offering a huge amount of living space. Four double bedrooms, a loft room, double reception, extended kitchen diner, utility room, cellar/playroom, two bathrooms and private garden.



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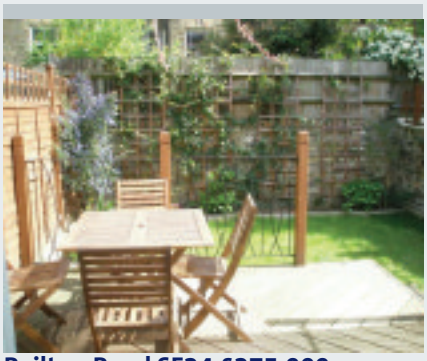
Shakespeare Road SE24 £550,000
freehold

A four double bedroom Victorian house set in "Poets Corner" in this quiet residential street. The property comprises: a good size reception with a marble fireplace, kitchen/diner overlooking the garden, four double bedrooms 40ft plus gravelled garden.



Railton Road SE24 £275,000
leasehold

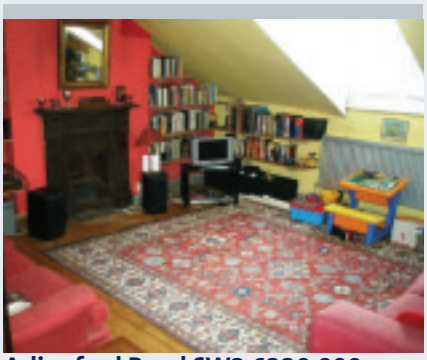
We are pleased to offer this basement floor two double bedrooms Victorian conversion in Herne Hill. The flat comprises of a kitchen/reception, two double bedrooms, a bathroom and a beautiful decked and lawned garden.

Dalberg Road SW2 £289,950
share of freehold

Luxury penthouse within this modern building. The top floor flat comprises: a large open-plan kitchen/reception, two double bedrooms, one with an en-suite shower room, a luxury bathroom with under-floor heating. Ideal for the amenities of Brixton and Herne Hill.

Appach Road SW2 £395,000
freehold

We are pleased to present this charming 3 bedroom end of terrace Victorian House in good decorative order. The house comprises double reception room, a good sized kitchen diner with access to garden, a good sized loft and a paved garden with a side return.



Arlingford Road SW2 £220,000
leasehold

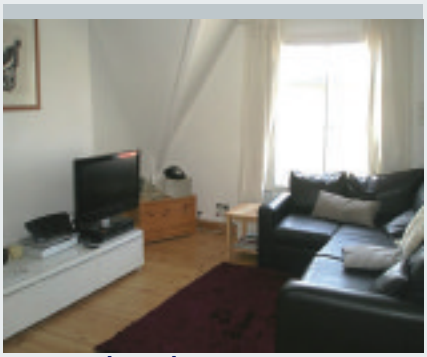
We are pleased to offer this top floor two double bedroom Victorian conversion set on this tree line residential street close to Brockwell Park. The flat comprises of a good size kitchen/diner, large reception to front, two double bedrooms, bathroom, loft.

Chaucer Road SE24 £235,000
leasehold

An opportunity to acquire this lovely two double bedroom lower ground Victorian conversion with a stunning private 50ft Garden. The property comprises of a large open-plan kitchen/reception with original features.

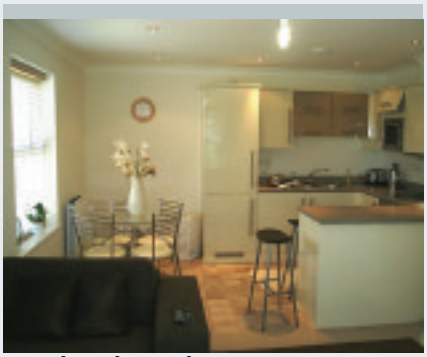
Leander Road SW2 £850 pcm
furnished/unfurnished

Comprises: an open-plan kitchen reception with wood floor, a double bedroom, bathroom, good storage, use of a laundry room with washer and dryer and share of a large patio and garden - a definite must see! There is also a separate entrance for bikes and scooters.



Norwood Road SE24 £1000 pcm
furnished

We are pleased to present this spacious two double bedroom flat on Norwood Road. The flat comprises of a semi-open plan kitchen reception, two double bedrooms, bathroom and a loft



Daysbrook Road SW2 £1200 pcm
furnished/unfurnished

We are pleased to present this superb two double bedroom modern flat with open-plan kitchen/reception, bathroom with shower over bath, storage, a lift, communal garden and off-street parking.

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Underhill Road, London SE22 **£315,000**

A Lovely 2 bed ground floor garden flat retaining many of its original features within easy reach of lordship lane. Decorated and presented in a modern style featuring a fantastic kitchen/ breakfast room and reception room with working fireplace and stripped wood floors. Early viewing recommended.

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Oglander Road, London SE22 **£285,000**

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Melbourne Grove, London SE22 **£599,950**

This huge 6 bedroom semi detached house in a sought after location, set over three floors. Offers flexible living space including three reception rooms and 2 bathrooms. The property is just a few minutes walk to East Dulwich Station, Lordship Lanes shops and restaurants.

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Darrell Road, London SE22 **£439,950**

A delightful 3 double bedroom mid terrace house on a quiet residential road in East Dulwich. Downstairs there are 2 separate reception rooms, lovely kitchen / breakfast room leading onto garden plus downstairs cloakroom. Catchment for local primary schools and added bonus of being chain free..

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Goodrich Road, London SE22 **£410,000**

A beautiful example of a two bedroom Victorian mid terrace property having retained some lovely original features, including sash windows and stripped floorboards. Downstairs are two lovely reception rooms, stunning kitchen and conservatory, both with under floor heating. Upstairs are two generous sized bedrooms..

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Melbourne Grove, London SE22 **£320,000**

A spectacular period conversion in a fantastic location in East Dulwich on the top floor of this Victorian corner building, the property is exceptionally bright & airy and comprises of two bedrooms, bright and sunny kitchen, modern bathroom and huge roof terrace with panoramic views across the London skyline.

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Elm Grove, SE15 **£219 pw**

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Lordship Lane, SE22 **£276 pw**

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Underhill Road, SE22 **£288 pw**

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Abbotswood Road, SE22 **£311 pw**

A spacious modern Semi Detached house which benefits from being within moments of East Dulwich BR station. Boasts two double bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room with patio doors leading onto a 60ft beautiful landscaped garden.

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Melbourne Grove, SE22 **£392 pw**

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£470,000

FRIARY ROAD, SE15

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EASTBROOK ROAD, SE3

Semi Detached 3 bedroom house with large through lounge, kitchen, sun lounge, mature rear garden approximately 90', garage and off street parking. Situated opposite a playing field and in a sought after residential road.

£355,000

BERNETHY ROAD, SE12

Attractive terraced house with period features. Through Lounge, extended kitchen, three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, patio garden. Close to Manor Park. Chain free. Excellent location for transport.

£364,995

WYNDCLIFF ROAD, SE7

Mid terraced house with 3 bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, mature rear garden of approx 54'. Requires some updating. Good location for transport.

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GREYCOT ROAD, BR3

Semi detached house with lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, laundry room, conservatory, utility room, office, 4 bedrooms, main bedroom having ensuite shower room, bathroom, 65' garden, garage and o/s/p for several cars. Close to Beckenham Junction Station

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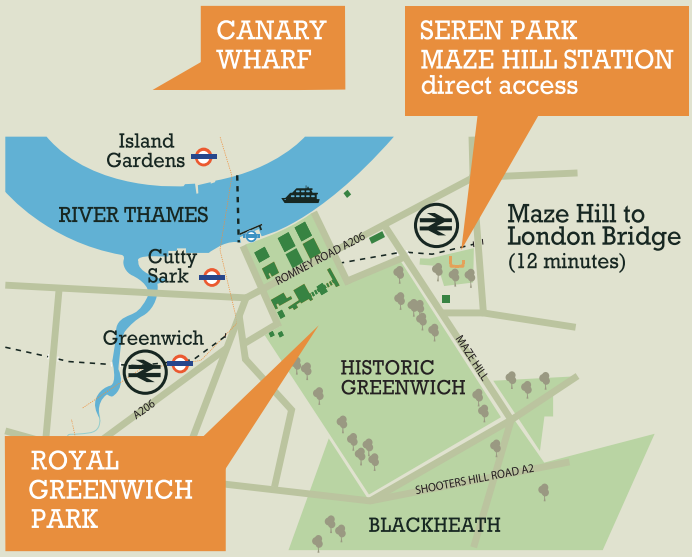

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Soames Street SE15 £1299pcm

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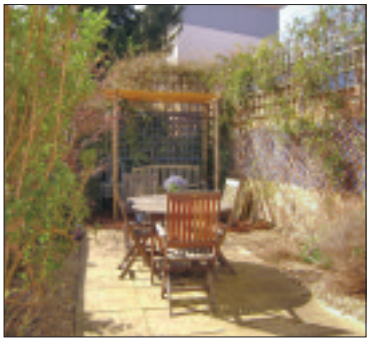

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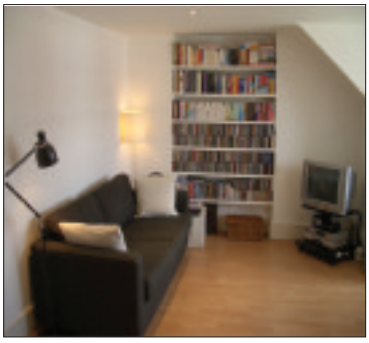

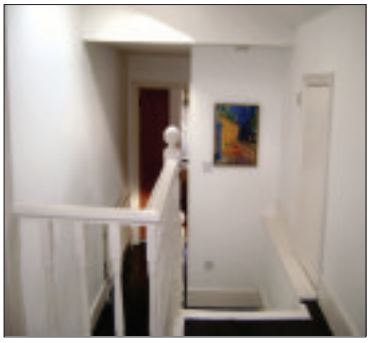

AVENUES £225,000 SHARE OF FREEHOLD

An impressive top floor conversion flat with spacious rooms including 17ft reception room, double bedroom, fitted kitchen and modern bathroom.

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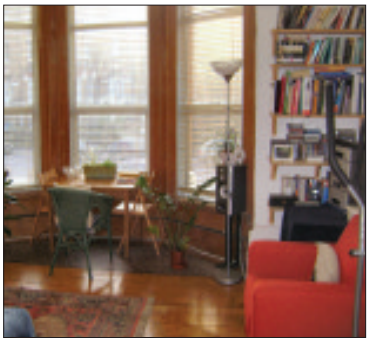

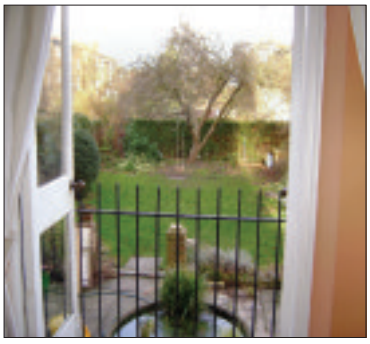

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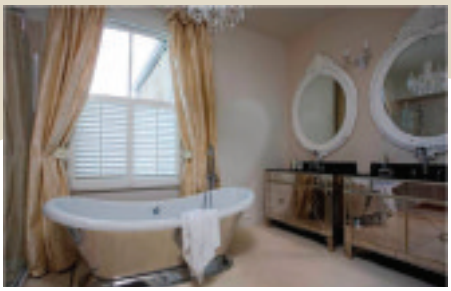

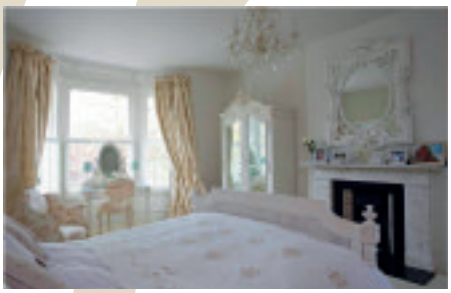

OLIVER HOUSE, COLYTON ROAD, EAST DULWICH SE22 **£POA**

Prepared to be dazzled by this utterly delightful detached Victorian house with uninterrupted views of lovely Peckham Rye Park. The acclaimed interior designer owners have created a home full of character and charm coupled with contemporary additions that offer the ultimate in luxury living. The prominent house offers a large fitted kitchen breakfast/ family room with aspect over the landscaped rear garden which is fitted with crisp white and zebrano units and offers every appliance you can imagine! A handy utility and cloakroom are also on the ground floor, not forgetting the office over looking the Rye and an elegant Drawing room that wouldn't seem out of place in any style magazine. The top 2 floors offer 8 DOUBLE bedrooms and 5 bathrooms fitted with style and panache! To the front a handy off street parking space and the rear a beautifully landscaped garden complete with New England style summer house. This truly is an exceptional house.

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WOODWARDE ROAD, SE22 **£950,000 FREEHOLD**

Sat proudly at the Village end of Woodwarde Road is this delightful 4 bedroom house that has been the subject of a complete renovation over the last few years. A large entrance hall greets you with doors to all principle rooms and beautiful period tiling leading to the back of the house. The large kitchen breakfast room, fitted a year ago, is a warm clotted cream colour.

BEAUVAL ROAD, SE22 **£899,950 FREEHOLD**

We are delighted to offer one of the largest houses on Beauval Rd to the market with the unusual benefit of 100ft sunny rear garden. The house, which has been the subject of a lovely refurbishment offers in brief; a large and elegant double reception room with period detailing, a modern and well fitted kitchen breakfast room leading to a handy utility. Upstairs offers 4 large double bedrooms.

COURT LANE, SE22 **£899,950 FREEHOLD**

Offered to the market in superb condition is this handsome double fronted 1930's house a stones throw the gates of lovely Dulwich Park. The current owners have improved the house which now offers, to the front off street parking for 3 cars, to the rear a double width 70ft rear garden. Internally the house offers a large kitchen breakfast/ family room.

UNDERHILL ROAD, SE22 **£895,000 FREEHOLD**

Offering a mixture of Victorian charm and features with a contemporary twist is this handsome 5 bedroom Victorian house located at the top of Underhill Rd. The ground floor extension spans the width of the house and leads out to a beautifully manicured garden. There's off street parking too!

BEAUVAL ROAD, SE22 **£849,950 FREEHOLD**

Offered to the market in Show Home condition is this lovingly manicured 4 bedroom mid terraced house in this popular road in Dulwich. Having been the subject of an A1 refurbishment, the house now offers a large double reception room with contemporary fittings and period detailing, a truly stunning kitchen breakfast room with Poggenpohl fittings and access to the rear garden.

OGLANDER ROAD, SE15 **£699,950 FREEHOLD**

We are delighted to offer to the market this enchanting double fronted detached house which is conveniently located for Lordship Lane and East Dulwich BR (London Bridge). A welcoming entrance hall leads to 3 principle reception rooms which offer space and period detailing by the bucket load. The large dining room leads out onto a 50ft walled garden which is a real sun trap.

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FRANKFURT ROAD, SE24 **£575,000 FREEHOLD**

Offering character and charm by the bucket load, this buxom mid terrace lovely is a real find. It comes to the market in good condition but still offers the new owner the opportunity of adding value. The beautiful stained glass front door leads you to a grand reception room with art neaveau detailing and period fireplace, a large kitchen breakfast room leading to a lean to conservatory.

UNDERHILL ROAD, SE22 **£475,000 FREEHOLD**

Offered to the market in tip top condition is this beautifully presented Victorian house. Having been the subject of a thorough refurbishment, the house offers 2 reception rooms, a large 28ft kitchen breakfast room, 3 good sized bedrooms and a large bathroom. To the rear is a neatly manicured rear garden ideal for al fresco dining with a decked area and lawn with shrub borders.

HENSLOWE ROAD, SE22 **£450,000 FREEHOLD**

Prepare to be impressed! Offered in immaculate condition is this 3 double bedroom mid terrace Victorian family house. Situated in this popular one way street (good for parking and privacy!) located conveniently to the amenities of Lordship Lane, East Dulwich Station and the park, this house offers more than meets the eye.

RINGMORE RISE, SE23 **£350,000 FREEHOLD**

With possibly the best views of the London skyline this stunning 3 bedroom house is perched on one of the highest points of South London. Conveniently positioned for Forest Hill and Honor Oak Park BR train stations, within minutes of the popular Horniman gardens and the Museum, perfect for those who like enjoying Sundays in the park!

BARRY ROAD, SE22 **£250,000 LEASEHOLD**

Well presented 2 double bedroom flat on the 1st floor of this Victorian period conversion with access to its own large, sunny private garden. Centrally located for East Dulwich the property has access to an array of transport facilities, local amenities and the hustle and bustle of Lordship Lane is just a short stroll away.

CHURCH RISE, SE23 **£249,950 LEASEHOLD**

Situated on the ground floor of this substantial and handsome Victorian house is this charming one bedroom garden flat. Notable benefits include own separate entrance leading to large hallway, large lounge with garden aspect leading to neatly fitted kitchen, a good sized bedroom with fitted wardrobes and a nicely landscaped rear garden.

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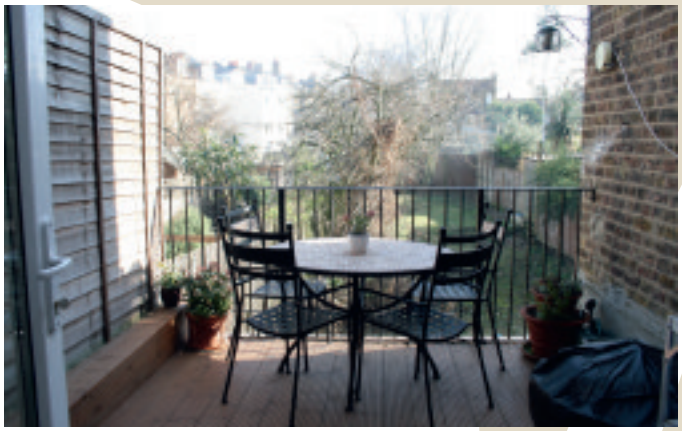
DULWICH COMMON, SE22 **£1100PCM**

AVAILABLE IMMED Newly refurbished, large south facing 3 double bedroom flat in this popular purpose built block, set in the Lordship Lane estate, between Lordship Lane and Dulwich Common. The flat is on the 2nd floor and briefly comprises spacious entrance hall, reception room, fully fitted kitchen, bathroom/utility room, 3 double bedrooms and a south facing balcony.



DUNSTANS RD, SE22 **£975PCM**

A perfectly formed large one bedroom raised ground floor flat with its own private roof terrace! Offered in an exceptional condition the flat briefly comprises entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen with all the mod cons, fully functioning bathroom with shower, large reception room with double doors leading to a private, neatly decked roof terrace and a good sized double bedroom.

COLYTON ROAD, SE22 **£750PCM**

Set on the top floor of this stunning Edwardian house is one of the best and most interesting studio flats we have seen! The flat is well laid out, split level over two floors which gives it a feel more of a one bed flat than a studio. On the lower level as you enter is the hallway with the bathroom and kitchen dining room that could offer itself as a reception area too!

UPLAND ROAD, SE22 **£1000PCM**

Stunning 2 double bedroom flat in a superior location, minutes walk from the hustle and bustle of Lordship Lane and the North Cross Road and close to East DUlwich Station that will whisk you into London Bridge in 10 - 15 mins. The flat is located on the first floor of this end of terrace Victorian conversion and is in excellent condition.

FOUNTAIN COURT, SE26 **£900PCM**

Set on the ground floor of this stunning Art Deco mansion block is this spacious 2 double bedroom flat with original fire places, wooden floors and plenty of character throughout. The property briefly comprises Large reception room with bay window, fully fitted kitchen, stylish modern bathroom, double glazed throughout and central heating.

RYE HILL PARK, SE15 **£750PCM**

Perfectly formed and recently refurbished one bedroom flat in a quiet cul-de-sac just off the open spaces Peckham Rye Park. The flat is located on the ground floor of this purpose built block and briefly comprises entrance hall, reception room, bedroom, fully fitted kitchen and bathroom.

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Aldebert Terrace SW8 1BJ £800,000 fh
Beautiful Cubitt-style terraced house over 4 floors including a bright dual-aspect 25ft reception with wooden floors, high ceilings, period fireplaces & sash windows.

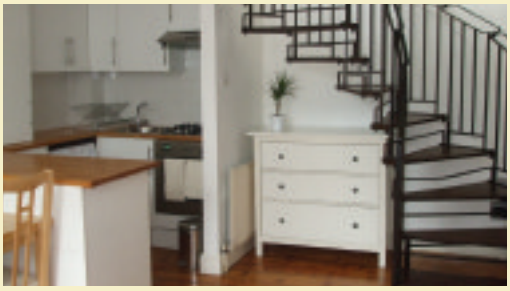
Dulwich Mead, SE24 9HS £225,000 lh
Newly-refurbished (neutrally) to a high standard throughout, well-proportioned one-bedroomed retirement flat in prestigious development in Half Moon Lane.

Alleyn Crescent SE21 8BN £550,000 fh
Impressive four-bedroom townhouse with superb [architect-designed] ground floor kitchen-diner opening onto a beautiful landscaped rear garden.

Durban Road SE27 9RW £249,950 sof
Stylish two double bedroom first floor Victorian maisonette with private garden, which has separate access, in popular residential road.

Cedar Close, SE21 8HX £115,000 lh
Sunny one-bedroom retirement flat, with of its own private balcony, on the ground floor (in the main block) of Cedar Close, a popular retirement complex in SE21.

Dalmore Road, SE21 8HB £1850 pcm uf
Lovely four-double-bedroom property which offers a unique opportunity to live in one of the nicest roads in West Dulwich at a very reasonable rent!



Rosendale Road SE21 8DP £900 pcm furn
The picture speaks for itself; this lovely one-bed flat has the added advantage of having a bedroom (and en-suite bathroom) with its own floor.

Rosendale Road, SE21 8DU £800 pcm furn
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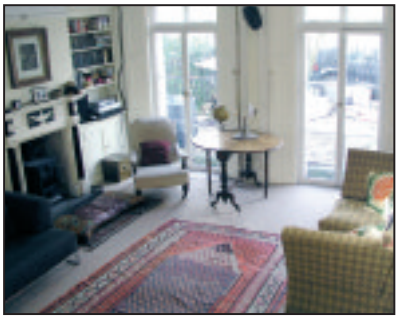
CROFTON ROAD, SE5 £479,000

Fabulously spacious, light and very wide family house with four double bedrooms peeling off a long and winding staircase. Set over five interesting levels with a massive reception, vastly extended kitchen and lovely garden.



HONOR OAK RISE, SE23 £2,100 PCM

Fabulously rare early Victorian Grade II listed 3 bedroom house. Set over three floors it is truly special and boasts many original features including period fire-places, ornate cornicing and original window shutters.

CHOUMERT ROAD, SE15 £339,000

Lovely two double bed home set over three floors with swanky contemporary kitchen, west-facing garden, in exceptionally sought-after road in the heart of Bellenden.

ELM GROVE, SE15 £565,000

Pretty and very characterful, enormously spacious, light and bright: 4 dbl bed, 2 reception, house with sunroom, garden on 2 sides and o/s parking for 9 cars

DANBY STREET, SE15 £459,950

A picturesque, three double bed, two reception Victorian house in a highly sought-after road in the heart of Bellenden.

TRESCO ROAD, SE15 £185,000

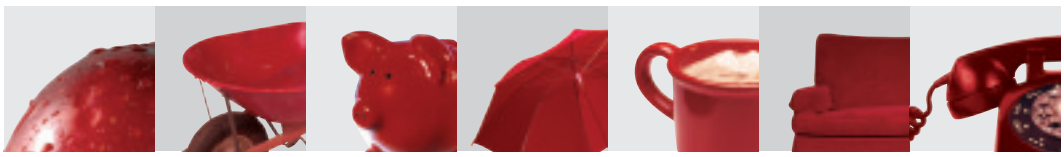
Brand spanking newly refurbished, spacious and well-proportioned double bed, first floor flat with garden in quiet, peaceful road.

WAVENEY AVENUE, SE15 £1,200 PCM

Well presented three bedroom half house in sought after Peckham Rye. With a modern feel the property has direct access to private rear well maintained garden.

ELM GROVE, SE15 £725 PCM

A split level double bedroom flat within a small development of seven situated within a few minutes of Peckham Rye station.



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Ruskin Walk, SE24 £599,950

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Carson Road, SE21 £1,100,000

5 bedrooms, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 2 bathrooms, cloakroom, garden.

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3 bedrooms, dressing room, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room & rear garden.

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1 bedroom, reception room, new kitchen & bathroom, OSP, communal gardens.

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Ulverscroft Road, SE22 £469,950

3 bedrooms, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom & landscaped garden.

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Oglander Road, SE15 £1,100 pcm

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Wrights Road, SE25 £385,000

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Whiteley Road, SE19 £599,995

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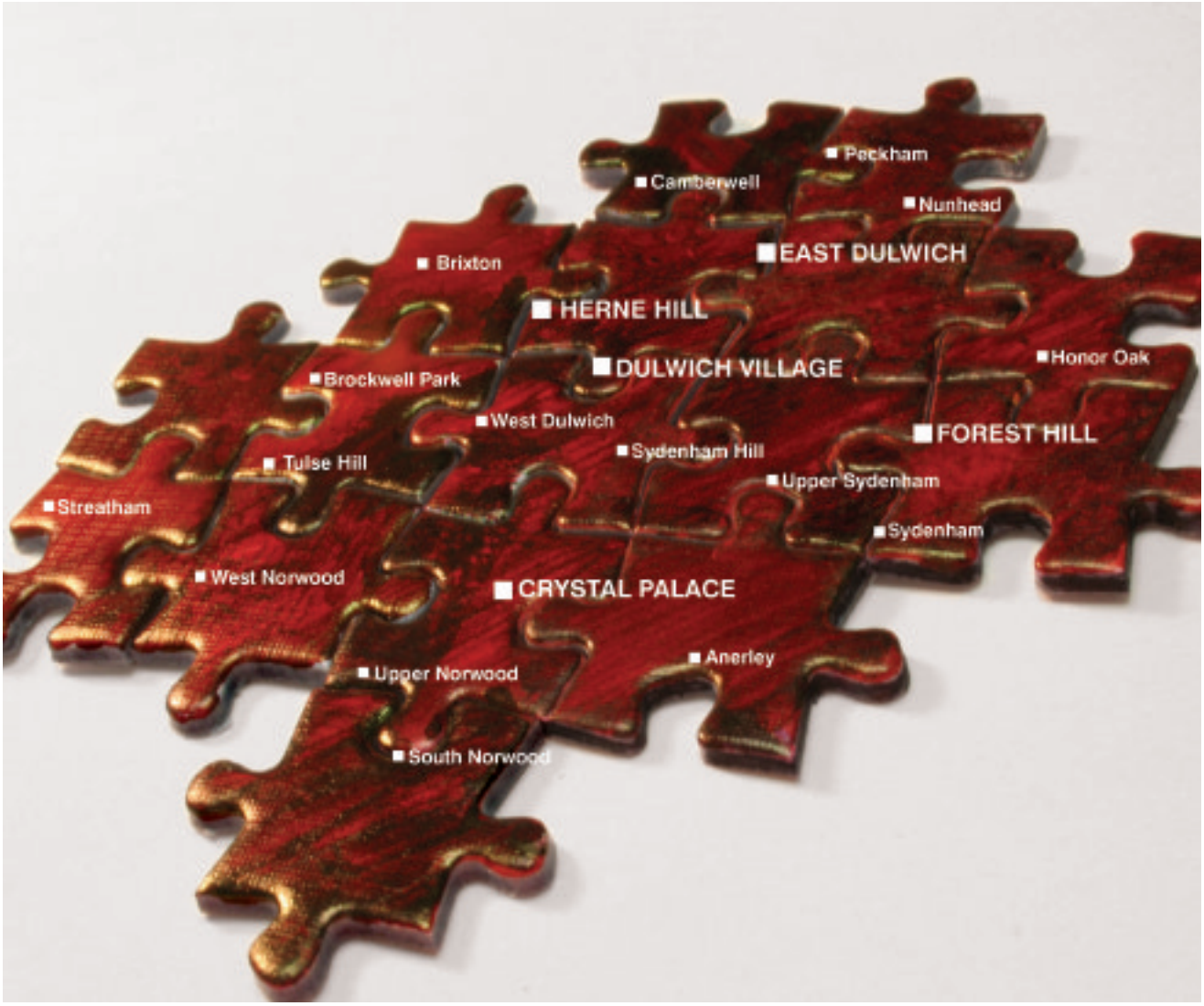

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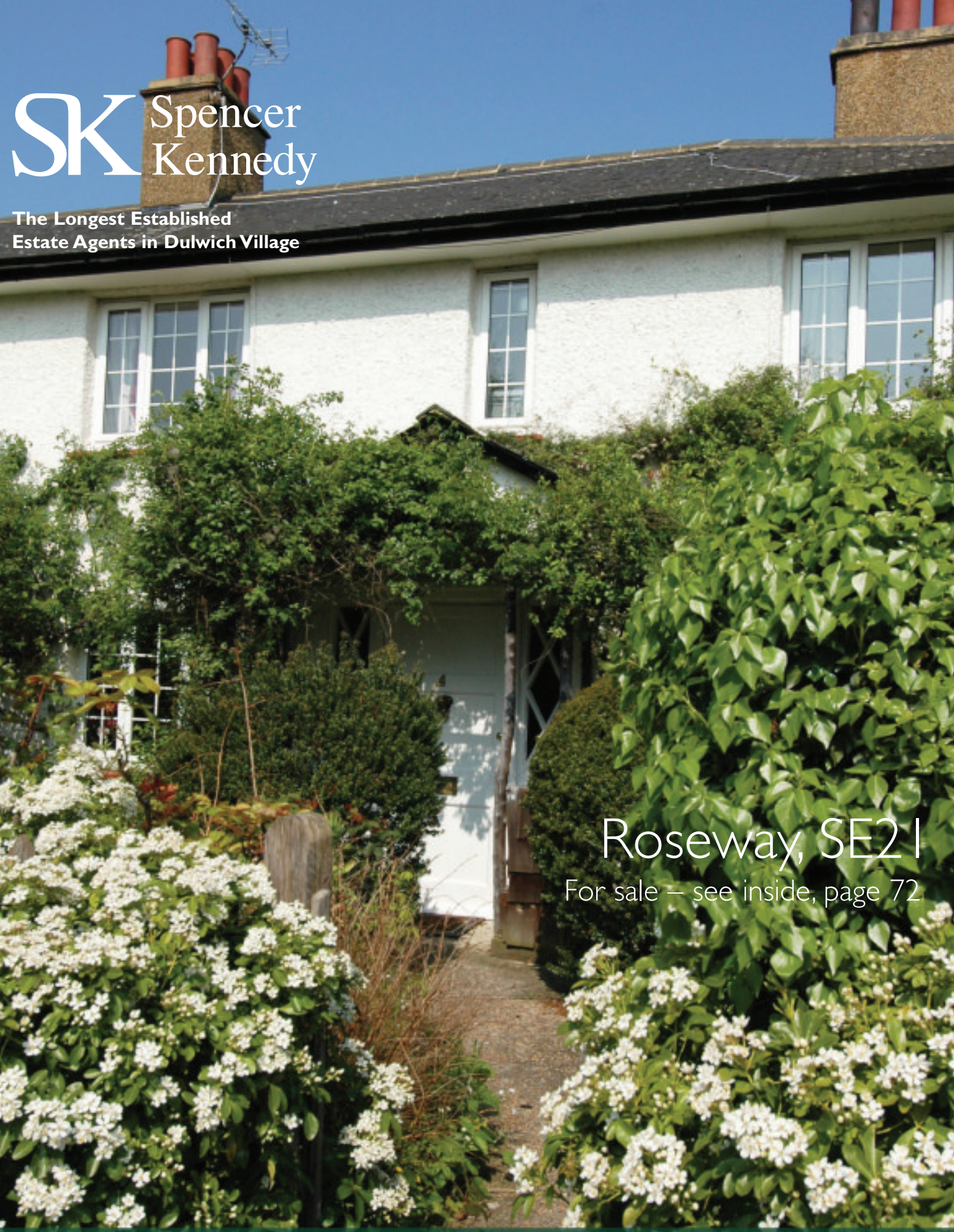

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